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INDUSTRY:Phone

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

- Company: Conneaut Telephone Company
- Name on account: burning stone cafe
- Service address: 218 Washington st. Conneaut OH, 44030
- Service phone: 440-599-2233
- Account Number: unknown

COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

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March 22, 2012

The Honorable Todd Snitchler, Chairman
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180 East Broad Street
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RE: Business Telephone Rates

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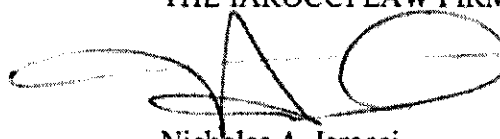
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Very truly yours,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Iarocci', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Nicholas A. Iarocci

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Patty Armeni, Executive Director
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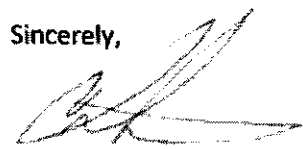
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